

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, 1987 marks the Golden Anniversary of the Black Hills Passion Play; and,

WHEREAS, The magnitude and artistry of this dramatic presentation has attracted over 4,000,000 visitors to South Dakota from all 50 states and many foreign countries; and,

WHEREAS, The churches and citizens of Spearfish have faithfully given of their time and talent in support of the production; and,

WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce and various civic organizations have likewise never faltered in their loyal support of the project; and,

WHEREAS, The great dedication brought to the production by all participants realistically brings to life the events of 2,000 years ago; and,

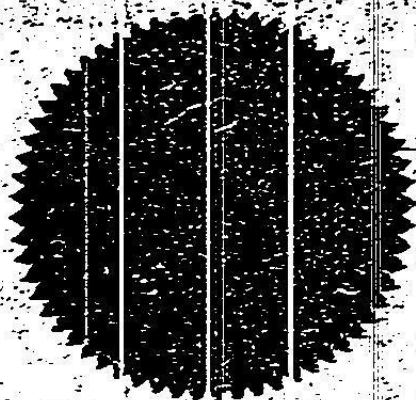
WHEREAS, World famous Christus portrayer, Josef Meier, is the guiding force behind the play, and he and his family have made the Black Hills Passion Play an institution of service and one of South Dakota's major cultural events; and,

WHEREAS, Witnessing a performance in its impressive amphitheater is a never to be forgotten experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Black Hills Passion Play and the loyal support of the city of Spearfish, its citizens, churches, and civic organizations to this dramatic presentation, do hereby proclaim August 6, 1987, as

#### BLACK HILLS PASSION PLAY DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

*Joey Hazlett*  
JOEY HAZLETT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR